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ART MUSEUM DIRECTOR WILL GIVE PUBLIC LECTURE ON COLLECTING ART

Sherman E. Lee, Director of The Cleveland Museum of Art, will present a public lecture, "Collecting and the Seven Deadly Sins," on Sunday, June 27, at 3:30 pm, in the Museum's Gartner Auditorium. One of his generation's most successful public collectors, Dr. Lee has in the last quarter-century built the Museum collection into one of the most distinguished in America. Known to dealers and rival collectors as a knowledgeable and discerning buyer, he has acquired works in nearly every area: painting, sculpture, prints, drawings, and the decorative arts, from Europe, the Orient, the Near East, and other cultures represented in the Museum collections.

Dr. Lee's lecture is a light-hearted history of private collectors and their exotic, sometimes mystifying collections--a history from which he believes some solemn moral lessons may be drawn. He makes trenchant comments on the intimate world of amateur scholarship, the Freudian delights of opening unexpected packages, and the pride, envy, avarice, and other sins that can--but, reassuringly, need not--best the besotted collector.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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